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Dear Mr. Wilson:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER
(TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-89-02, COMPLETE
REMOVAL OF 324 BUILDING RADIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING CELLS
B-CELL MIXED WASTE (MW) AND EQUIPMENT, NOVEMBER 30, 2000

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This letter is in response to Rick Bond's State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter to Clifford E. Clark, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, same subject as above, dated March 13, 2001, requesting an approved plan and schedule for removal of the remaining equipment (excluding cranes and manipulators). Fluor Hanford, Inc. based on their collective professional opinion, has provided a list of estimated dates for removal of the equipment listed in Section 2f of the "324 Building Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-89-02 Checklist". The list as approved by Ecology, is comprised of items to remain in the 324 Building B-Cell after the M-89-02 scope of work has been completed. Three items, as listed below associated with the removal of the spent fuel, are estimated to be removed by the end of June 2003:

- Two temporary fuel storage racks;
- one fuel pin storage container (Gattling Gun); and
- all the fuel thimbles (B-Cell).

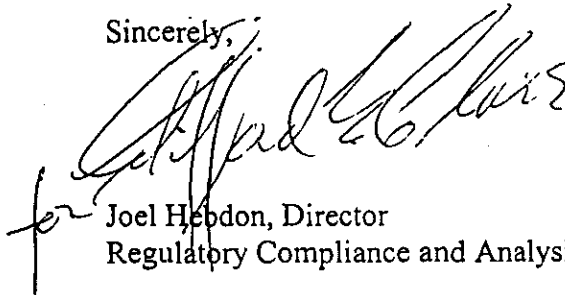
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The remaining equipment will be removed as soon as possible once a determination is made that it is no longer required for deactivation work, or at the end of September 2005, whichever occurs first. Some items originally identified in Section 2f may actually be needed for deactivation work after M-89-00 closure activities are completed in October 2005. These items will be removed when they are no longer needed for deactivation. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Gloria Williams, of my staff, on (509) 372-0586.

Sincerely,



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